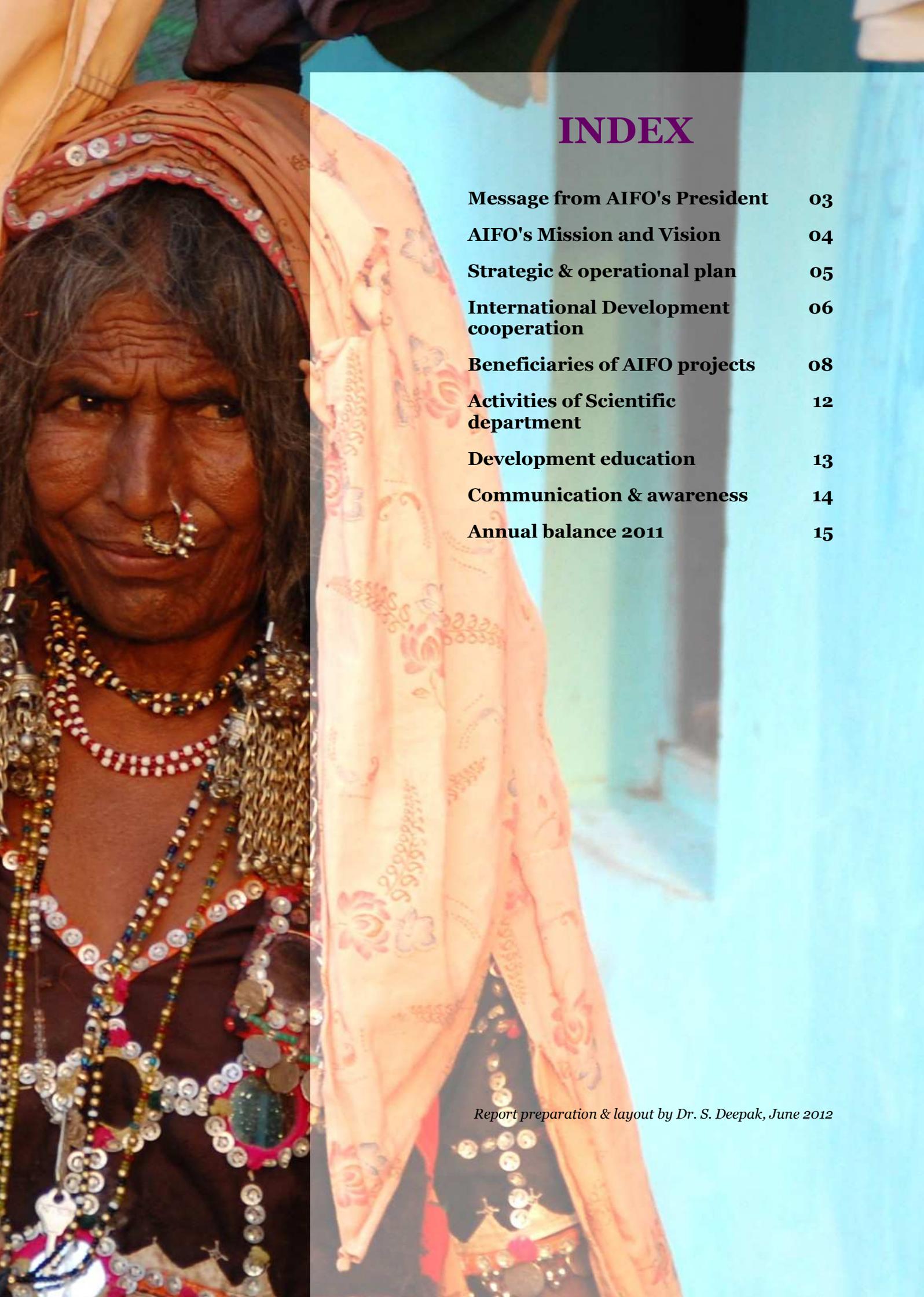


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MESSAGE FROM AIFO'S PRESIDENT

AIFO's inspiration comes from a message of solidarity and justice which focuses on human beings, and gives voice and a place in society to those, who are often marginalized.

AIFO's work with leprosy-affected persons, often persons with disabilities due to leprosy, has been the starting point of its work with disabled persons, through the Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) approach. Our aim is to promote participation, inclusion and empowerment of marginalized people through our projects.

2011 was marked by the continuing economic crisis accompanied by high levels of unemployment and worries about the future in different parts of the world, including Italy. This had a negative influence on resources available to many voluntary organisations, especially organisations like ours which believe in promotion of community development, and long term and sustainable solutions.



2011 was the year of our Fiftieth Birthday. A key event during the year was the birth of RIDS, the Italian Network on Disability and Development. RIDS has brought together two organisations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) - DPI and FISH, with two non-governmental organisations- AIFO and EducAid. RIDS has the objective of promoting the implementation of United Nations' Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

October 2011 saw the organisation of AIFO's conference "Experiences of Hope" to celebrate AIFO's fiftieth anniversary. It was preceded by an international workshop on CRPD.

The slow evolution of leprosy in the world requires that we continue to keep the fight against leprosy as key component of our work. It continues to be a condition accompanied by stigma and social exclusion. Its long incubation period means that short term disease trends need to be analysed with care.

Among AIFO's activities in Italy, the competition for school children saw a big participation from primary, middle and high schools. We have been working on strengthening the myriad activities carried out by AIFO groups in Italy under our "*Progetto Italia*".

In spite of the prevailing economic crisis, we have been able to continue our project work, with great attention towards efficacy and sustainability. Our desire is to work together with our partners everywhere, to build a more just society with more solidarity. Our "experiences of hope" show that this is possible.

Dr Anna Maria Pisano
AIFO's President

AIFO'S MISSION AND VISION

AIFO's vision is to promote activities that contribute to building and spreading a "civilization of love".

AIFO's mission is to support cooperation which promotes self-development of people and carries out specific programmes in social and health areas:

In poor areas in the developing world	In rich areas of the world
<p>In the poor areas of developing world, the target groups of AIFO's activities are "the excluded persons" - persons affected with leprosy, persons with disabilities, marginalized groups. Through treatment of diseases, especially leprosy, through support to primary health care and physical, social and mental rehabilitation, of groups at social risks, AIFO wishes to promote inclusion, so that those who are "excluded" can become active citizens by reacquiring dignity and equality. We wish that those who are excluded, become the starting point of community-building.</p>	<p>In the rich areas of the world, the target groups of AIFO's activities are "all the persons" of the society, with special attention towards young people, in order to create awareness and stimulate their conscience against the culture of indifference, greed, violence, fear & egoism. AIFO wishes to promote a society of human beings who believe in solidarity, who are respectful towards diversity, who are sensitive to the problems of the "excluded persons", who are willing to commit themselves to experiences of voluntarism, and are thus knowledgeable citizens.</p>

AIFO's vision will be promoted through commitment and encounter between citizens of poor and rich areas of the world: thus contributing to the creation of what Raoul Follereau called "**the civilization of love**".



Promoting health and development -
Community volunteers in Manica,
Mozambique



Creating awareness, changing mentality -
AIFO workcamp for young people in Castel
Volturno (Italy)

STRATEGIC, PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL PLANS OF AIFO

AIFO's five year's strategic and operational plan was approved in its General Assembly in May 2011.

General objective of AIFO is to promote interventions in social and health domains against conditions of underdevelopment, poverty, under-nutrition and marginalization that cause persistence and diffusion of conditions like leprosy and physical, mental and social disabilities. Specific objectives of AIFO are:

In developing countries and in poor areas	In Italy and in rich areas of the world
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fighting against leprosy by promoting, supporting and coordinating initiatives for prevention, cure and rehabilitation, integrated in the primary health care services; supporting leprosy referral services where necessary for taking care of complications and consequences of leprosy; supporting and promoting organisations of persons affected with leprosy. • Promoting, supporting and coordinating community-based rehabilitation initiatives for and with persons with disabilities, with a special attention towards persons with disabilities due to leprosy & persons with mental illness; focusing on persons forced to live in conditions of extreme vulnerability and under-development, especially women and children, who are marginalized and face grave social risks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting fund-raising campaigns in order to work in poor areas and developing countries. • Working for a culture of peace, justice, solidarity and respect for environment, that values human beings, recognises their fundamental rights, and works in order to overcome structural causes of misery, oppression and every form of exclusion. • Promoting initiatives of development education, inter-cultural education and citizenship, especially for young people, focusing on difficult relationships between international cooperation and complexity of migration processes; training and refresher courses for school teachers and health personnel are organised on these themes.



In order to reach these objectives, AIFO promotes collaboration, networking and sharing among its volunteer members, supporters and friends; and builds alliances and synergies with other NGO and government institutions, both Italian and international.

AIFO Staff

At the AIFO head-office in Bologna (Italy) there are 21 staff members (12 women and 9 men) and 1 consultant (editor of AIFO's magazine) . In addition, there are 3 consultants working at country offices of AIFO. Finally there is local staff working in country offices and specific projects managed by AIFO.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION: PROJECTS IN 2011

As mentioned in the message from AIFO's President, project support in 2011, continued to feel the negative impact of the economic crisis. This along with on-going rationalization of AIFO's project work according to the Guidelines approved by AIFO Board in 2010, meant that number of projects and number of countries where AIFO supported projects, both decreased in 2011.

Country Programmes

In each country, AIFO's work is guided by a country programme, prepared on the basis of a three years action plan agreed with all the partners in that country. Countries with high number of initiatives have "AIFO Country coordinators", who ensure correct development of initiatives and facilitate monitoring, evaluation and consolidation of local partnerships. They also try to keep a balance between AIFO supported projects in terms of kind of project activities and their different beneficiaries.

During 2011, AIFO supported three kinds of project activities:

- Leprosy and primary health care
- Rehabilitation of persons with physical, mental and social disabilities
- Children

Geographical Distribution of AIFO Projects in 2011	
Africa (10 countries)	20 projects
Asia (8 countries)	46 projects
Central & South America (2 countries)	11 projects
Multi-country	4 projects
Total projects of AIFO in 2011	81 projects

AIFO Projects in 2011 According to Kind of Activities	
Leprosy and primary health care	47 projects
Rehabilitation	21 projects
Children	7 projects
Partner support teams	6 projects
Total projects of AIFO in 2011	81 projects

AIFO Projects in 2011 According to Partners	
NGO and local movements	19 projects
Governments	23 projects
Faith-based organisations	33 projects
Partner support teams	6 projects
Total projects of AIFO in 2011	81 projects



Some AIFO coordinators and project partners at a meeting in Bologna, Italy - October 2011

BENEFICIARIES OF AIFO PROJECTS

AIFO has a consolidated monitoring system that uses standard forms for annual collection of basic and minimum common information from all projects that receive support from AIFO. There are standard forms for collecting information from leprosy, primary health care, rehabilitation, children and development projects.

Data collected through monitoring forms, through analysis of trends, allows AIFO to monitor the progress of different activities and areas that need specific support or guidance. It also helps in providing feedback and if needed, capacity-building for the partner organisations.

The following table presents an overview of all the different beneficiaries in the **projects supported by AIFO in 2011**:

Kind of Activities	Africa	Americas	Asia	Total
Leprosy affected persons	2,647	19,874	22,113	44,634
Primary health care	74,349	302	79,261	153,912
Community-based Rehabilitation	4,949	331	96,653	101,933
Community development	12,516	869	13,218	26,603
Children projects	9,922	4,796	2,202	16,920
BENEFICIARIES 2011	104,383	26,172	213,447	344,002

*data estimated for Karnataka/India & Bahia/Brazil projects

PERSONS AFFECTED WITH LEPROSY IN AIFO SUPPORTED PROJECTS IN 2011

Over the past decade, AIFO's leprosy related projects show a slow change - gradually, projects are becoming much more active in the areas of care for complications of leprosy and in rehabilitation of persons with disabilities due to leprosy, compared to the diagnosis and treatment of new cases.



As far as the diagnosis and treatment of leprosy is concerned, there were 16,133 new cases of leprosy in projects supported by AIFO in 2011 - 55% in Americas, 39% in Asia and 6% in Africa.

On the other hand, 21,186 persons with complications of leprosy (such as reactions, neuritis and foot ulcers) received care in these projects in 2011 - 50% in Americas, 44% in Asia and 6% in Africa. (left, a group of women at a leprosy village in Yunnan province of China)

Number of persons with disabilities due to leprosy benefiting from community-based rehabilitation (CBR) programmes is also increasing - there were 3,480 persons affected with leprosy in the AIFO supported CBR programmes in 2011.

Many of the leprosy projects supported by AIFO, for example in India and Mozambique, promote and support setting up of self-help groups of persons affected with leprosy. During 2011, a new research on role and benefits of self-help groups among persons affected with leprosy was initiated in Nampula province of Mozambique. The results of this research are expected in 2012.

Finally, in AIFO supported projects in 2011, there were 10 associations of persons affected with leprosy.

PERSONS BENEFITING FROM PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN AIFO SUPPORTED PROJECTS IN 2011

With some rare exceptions, all AIFO supported projects working for leprosy control are integrated into primary health care services. In a few cases, AIFO supports leprosy control services integrated with tuberculosis or other specific disease control programmes. (Right: staff of a health centre in Nepal)

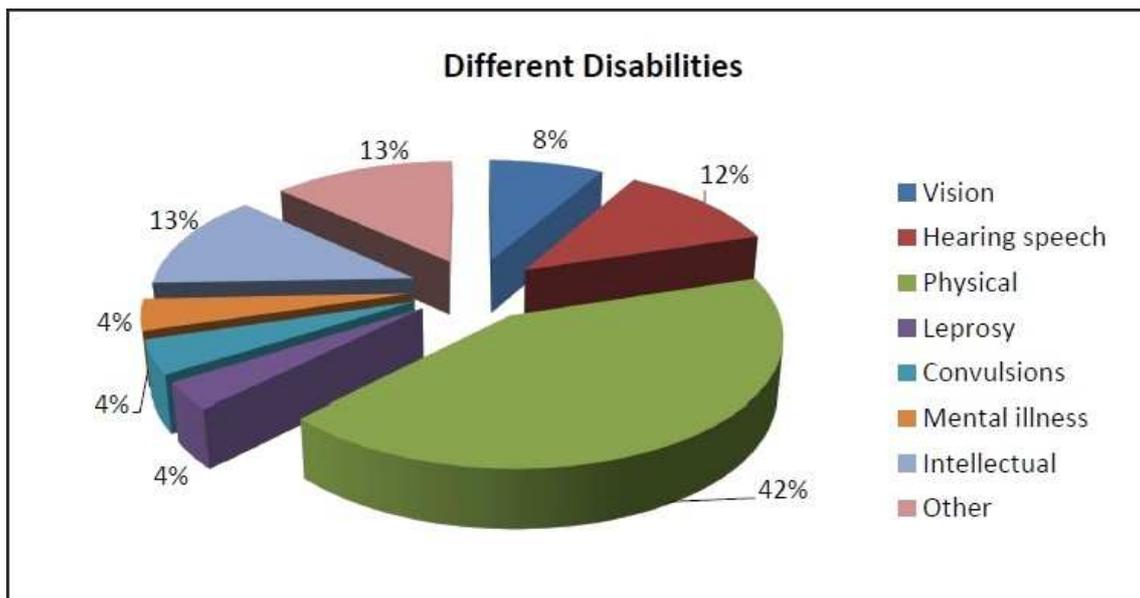
During 2011, a total of 153,912 persons benefited from primary health care (PHC) services in AIFO supported projects. For example, beneficiaries of few specific PHC activities include the following:

- Persons with other dermatological conditions: 43,532
- Persons with malaria infection: 19,043
- Persons with intestinal parasites: 26,500
- Children with severe malnutrition: 5,176
- Women with severe anaemia: 5,958
- Vaccination of children: 12,742
- Persons receiving anti-retrovirus treatment: 1,278



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN AIFO SUPPORTED REHABILITATION PROJECTS IN 2011

Majority of rehabilitation projects involving persons with disabilities, supported by AIFO are based on Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR) approach. As shown in graphic 1 (next page), these CBR programmes reach out to all the different groups of persons with disabilities, including persons with physical and psychosocial disabilities, as defined in WHO CBR Manual. These projects are active in all the five domains of activities as defined in the CBR matrix - health, education, livelihood, social and empowerment. However, AIFO places greater attention towards activities in health, social and empowerment domains.



During 2011, in the CBR projects supported by AIFO, reached out to 101,933 persons with disabilities, including 25% children below 15 years. Among these persons there were:

- 3,480 persons affected with leprosy
- 6,276 persons received artificial limbs and mobility aids
- 17,607 persons who received scholarships
- 11,593 persons who received loans for starting income generation activities
- 44,504 persons had home visits by CBR workers

CBR projects have a special focus on supporting local organisations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) and self-help groups (SHGs). Many AIFO supported CBR projects created networks starting with SHGs in villages, that link with each other and form federations of SHGs. SHG federations send representatives and create district or regional level DPOs. Both DPOs and SHGs, promote participation and inclusion, and play a fundamental role in implementation and monitoring of UN Convention on Rights of persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

During 2011, AIFO supported CBR projects included 238 DPOs with 20,491 members, and 2,040 SHGs with a total of 23,687 members.

MARGINALIZED POPULATION GROUPS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN AIFO SUPPORTED PROJECTS

Community development activities are integral part of all CBR programmes. In some specific backward and underdeveloped areas, along with activities involving persons with disabilities, some AIFO supported projects have community development activities involving other marginalized population groups. These activities focus mainly on income generation and access to education.

In 2011, these community development activities involving marginalized population groups reached a total of 27,328 families including -

- 7,522 poor families
- 7,227 families from indigenous population groups
- 12,579 other vulnerable families

Promoting self-help groups, especially of poor women is a key activity of these projects. During 2011, community development activities supported by AIFO counted about 1000 groups of SHG with 15,435 members.

VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN AIFO SUPPORTED PROJECTS

In all its project activities, AIFO places a special emphasis on reaching out to children. This is true of leprosy, primary health care and CBR projects. In addition, some existing leprosy and CBR projects supported by AIFO have specific activities targeted at other marginalized groups of children in their project areas.

During 2011, a total of 88,518 children below 15 years directly benefited from some activities in AIFO supported projects, as shown in next table:

Children in AIFO supported projects, 2011			
	Africa	Latin America	Asia
In children projects	9,922	4,796	2,202
In leprosy projects	193	708	619
In CBR projects	2,180	-	23,326
Total children	34,818	5,658	48,042



An AIFO supported project working with vulnerable group of children in Abaetetuba (Parà), Brazil

ACTIVITIES OF SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENT

AIFO's Scientific Department is responsible for annual monitoring, evaluations, training activities, preparation of learning materials and research activities. It also maintains contacts with international networks and federations.

LEARNING MATERIALS, TRAINING COURSES & WORKSHOPS

In collaboration with Universities of Genoa and Bologna, XIX training course on leprosy for Italian health professionals was organized in September 2011. The department provided support to Dr Salvatore Noto for the Leprosy Mailing List and hosting of its archives under the English section of AIFO's website.



In October 2011, in collaboration with IDDC, some Italian partners (DPI-Italy, FISH and EducAid), a seminar on "Italian commitment for article 32 of CRPD" was organized. At the same time, Italian Network for Disability and Development (RIDS) was established. RIDS includes AIFO, DPI-Italy, FISH and EducAid.

In November 2011, at the second Asia-Pacific CBR congress in Manila (Philippines), in collaboration with WHO and IDDC, AIFO organized an international workshop on "Emancipatory research in CBR". Persons from 20 countries participated in this workshop. (Left: International workshop on emancipatory research, Manila)

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Mandya CBR research initiative looking at impact of ten (10) years of two CBR projects in nine (9) sub-districts in Karnataka state of India continued in 2011. Scientific articles from the research were presented in different journals and research seminars. Three publications based on this research are in different stages of preparation, & will be completed in 2012.

Other significant research activities included a baseline survey on expectations of persons with disabilities in Liberia CBR project. Finally two small research studies was started in Mozambique to look at - role of volunteers in community development activities in Nampula and Manica provinces; role of Self-help Groups of persons affected with leprosy in Nampula province. Data collection and analysis of these two studies are expected to be completed in 2012.

COLLABORATION WITH DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION TEAM OF WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO/DAR)

AIFO is in official relationship with WHO. It has a five years joint plan of action with WHO/DAR. 2011 saw the publication of the first World Disability Report, for which AIFO also collaborated. Experts from AIFO collaborated with WHO/DAR for preparation of Training of Trainers package on CBR Guidelines and for the Asia-Pacific CBR congress in Manila (Philippines). Finally, a DAR-AIFO joint mission was carried out in Iran for the feasibility of a new CBR project in this country.

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

AIFO is a grassroots organisation with members spread all over Italy. There are 58 official groups of AIFO with around 900 AIFO members. Some of AIFO groups are formal organizations registered locally while others are informal organisations.

AIFO is recognized by Italian Ministry of Education as an organization competent for organising training on inter-cultural issues for school teachers. AIFO organises regular activities of development education for its group members, for school teachers and for general public. Some of the more significant activities in 2011 included the following:

SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUNG PERSONS

Together with Italian NGO LIBERA, AIFO organized a summer camp in Castelvoturno (Caserta) for 33 adolescents and young adults with the goal of promoting community work and solidarity.

STUDY TRAVELS

During 2011, study travels were organized in Mongolia, Kenya and India, to visit AIFO projects, that mix visiting cultural and tourist places in countries and interactions with AIFO's partners.

TRAINING COURSES IN SCHOOLS

During 2011, two refresher courses were organized for school teachers in province of Bologna and at Bellaria. During 2010-11, thirteen AIFO groups organized activities for school children on different themes of inter-culture and development education in 44 schools and reaching out to 3,578 children.

An essay competition on the theme "Human rights and active citizenship based on example of Raoul Follereau" was held for children of high schools.

50 YEARS OF AIFO

2011 was the 50th anniversary of establishment of AIFO. It was celebrated with an international conference held in Bellaria (Rimini). Celebrations were also held in different AIFO projects. (Left: Persons at AIFO conference in Bellaria)



EXHIBITIONS

AIFO has many exhibitions and new ones are added every year. These are given to groups and schools for organising events.

During 2011 the following exhibitions were held in different parts of Italy - exhibition of Mongolian Gher (tent) & Mongolian culture; photographic exhibition "Mongolia - the last winter"; photographic exhibition "Kushtha" on leprosy in India; "Giving back the childhood" exhibition on the rights of children; "Abunté - the Encounter" exhibition on different African cultures; and an exhibition on the figure of Raoul Follereau.

COMMUNICATION AND AWARENESS

AIFO has a communication plan targeting different groups of persons and institutions in Italy, including members, supporters and donors.

AIFO MONTHLY MAGAZINE

AIFO publishes a monthly magazine in Italian called "Amici di Follereau". During 2011, a total of 350,600 copies of this magazine were distributed, mainly to subscribers in Italy but also among Italian speaking persons in other countries.

WEBSITES, SOCIAL NETWORKS AND BLOGS

AIFO has an Italian website at www.aifo.it For the members, supporters and donors, AIFO has a Facebook page (in Italian) and an Italian blog called Amici di AIFO (www.amicidiaifo.org).

AIFO's website also has an English section www.aifo.it/english/ that provides information for partners, learning materials on leprosy and CBR, and access to archives of Leprosy Mailing List. Many of the AIFO country offices and partners have their own websites. Some of the AIFO supported projects & activities have their own blogs, such as the following:

- <http://leprosymailinglist.blogspot.it/>
- <http://aifo-cbr.blogspot.com/>
- <http://aifomentalhealth.blogspot.it/>

AIFO also has a Youtube channel where you can see the AIFO videos and campaign materials (<http://www.youtube.com/user/RedazioneAIFO?feature=watch>). Most of these are in Italian.



Fr Carlo and Sr Luigina, winner of Follereau Award 2011 for their work with leprosy affected persons in Mumbai, India

ANNUAL BALANCE 2011 - Patrimonial state

ACTIVE	2011	2010	PASSIVE	2011	2010
FIXED ASSETS			NET PATRIMONY		
<i>Non Tangible Assets</i>			<i>Free Patrimony</i>		
Software	27.177	21.862	Available fund	3.008.857	1.964.970
			Re-evaluation reserve (Law 185/2008)	848.958	848.958
<i>Tangible Assets</i>			Carry over or negative from management	75.883	50.324
Land & Building	893.024	922.464	<i>Bound patrimony</i>		
Equipment etc.	17.800	17.235	Patrimony for projects	262.745	1.256.108
Other assets	4.383	7.636	Bound reserve	600.000	600.000
<i>Financial Investments</i>			Total net patrimony	4.796.243	4.720.360
Participations	20.055	20.055			
Bank titles as guarantee	0	0	Risk fund and costs		
			Misc. fund		
Total Assets	962.439	989.252	Risk fund project accounting	56.531	50.093
ACTIVE CIRCULATING			Total risk fund and costs	56.531	50.093
<i>Final residuals</i>	21.653	12.149			
			Staff social fund	497.395	480.159
<i>Short-term credits projects</i>					
Credits from other associations	499.726	559.991	Debts		
Credit from It. Foreign Ministry	88,445	258.351	Suppliers	170.629	168.957
Credit from Intern. Bodies	672.299	427.818	Other debts	135.579	105.327
Credit from local bodies	30.598	103.217	Debts towards providence inst.	69.043	63.192
Credit for contributions through groups	309.634	252.656	Tax debts	45.881	43.843
<i>Long term credits projects</i>			Total debts	421.133	381.318
Credits from other associations	47.700	136.000			
Credits from Ext. Aff. Ministries	0	0	Passive carryovers	2.776.820	1.934.747
Credits from Intern. Bodies	917.402	298.818	Total passives	3.751.879	2.846.317
Credits from local bodies	0	71.131			
Total credits for projects	2.565.804	2.107.983	TOTAL PASSIVE & NET PATRIMONY	8.548.123	7.566.678
<i>Other credits</i>					
Credits on taxes	106	65			
Other credits	74.761	90.840	Order accounts		
			Funds to be sent to projects (short)	1.962.732	2.683.832
<i>Testaments</i>			Funds to be sent to projects (long)	1.334.269	558.690
Testaments and mat. Donation	792.940	1.107.601	Funds for Dev Edu. (short)	12.774	15.329
			Total for projects	3.309.775	3.257.850
<i>Non fixed financial activities</i>					
Investments	646.446	1.154.837			
<i>Available cash</i>			Titles for bank guarantee	-	-
Cash box	70.931	31.475			
Bank & post	3.385.858	2.033.298	Bank guarantees received from others	-	-
Total circulating income	7.558.500	6.538.247			
Carry overs	27.183	39.179			
TOTAL ACTIVE	8.548.123	7.566.678			

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FINAL BALANCE 2011

Management Accounts

Income	2011	2010
Donations	3.072.100	2.801.025
Income from 5/1000 tax	151.265	175.209
Contributions from Italian Foreign Ministry	646.166	256.163
Contributions from European Union	388.805	420.080
Contribution from international organisations	35.983	34.013
Contributions from municipal, provincial & regional bodies	88.177	125.965
Testaments	36.010	313.466
Consultant for testaments	-42.319	-42.319
Reserve fund for testaments	-24.646	-11.893
Variations in residual funds	9.504	-191
Total income	4.692.542	4.735.356
Costs for projects		
Cooperation projects	-2.555.288	-2.922.722
Project office	-406.940	-415.882
Development education projects	-258.811	-145.504
Total costs for projects	-3.221.039	-3.484.108
Costs for Communication, Fund Raising, Secretariat & General Services		
Communication and fund raising	-154.509	-108.437
Secretariat and general services	-603.259	-599.708
Total	-757.769	-552.313
Costs for General Support		
Institutional activities and administration	-491.399	-505.214
Depreciation	-50.931	-47.099
Total	-542.331	-552.313
Total costs	-4.521.139	-4.744.566
Institutional operational result	171.404	-9.209
Costs and income for credit management		
Interest on postal and bank accounts	26.550	8.722
Costs on postal and bank accounts	-8.201	-8.727
Income on bank investments	9.256	12.039
Costs on bank investments	-22	-150
Costs for bank guarantees	0	-265
Results of financial management	27.583	11.609
Extra-ordinary Income & costs		
Extra-ordinary income	24.096	28.496
Extra-ordinary costs	-35.226	-19.412
Results of exercise of taxes	118.988	83.400
Taxes	-43.105	-33.076
Result of the exercise	75.883	50.324



National CBR Programme in Mongolia

AIFO's collaboration with Ministry of Health of Mongolia started in 1992. With support of Disability and Rehabilitation team of World Health Organization, a CBR programme was started. In the last twenty years, Mongolia CBR programme has grown and is now active in all the provinces of the country.

Mongolia CBR programme works through Ministry of Health & other ministries of Government of Mongolia and in active Collaboration with organisations of persons with disabilities (DPOs). AIFO has a coordination Office and a representative in Mongolia, who operate exclusively through Government of Mongolia and Mongolian DPOs.

In July 2011, with order n. 216, Ministry of Health in Mongolia has made Mongolia CBR Programme "Tegsh Duren" as part of the Government Programme at national level.

AIFO/Italy congratulates Government of Mongolia for this important step that will help in fulfilling national obligations for the Convention on Rights of Persons with disabilities.



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